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ANNOUNCEMENT

I have purchased Dr. A. J. Speers' stock of drugs and within the next couple of weeks will open up a nice, clean, up-to-date drug store in Dr. Speers' old stand. The building will be somewhat remodeled and treated inside and out with a fresh coat of paint and will be fitted up with new fixtures. As every one knows a good drug store has been and is in demand at this place, and as Dr. Speers is out most of the time I have decided to take over the business.

Dr. Speers' office will still be located in the building and anyone seeking his advice will find him at the same location.

I am preparing to place my services, so far as my ability will permit in this capacity, at the hands of the general public. Those needing anything in the line usually carried in an up-to-date drug store are most cordially invited to call.

Yours very respectfully,

Clarence C. Slinkard, - Zalma, Mo.

Forsythe was brought to Farmington and lodged in jail, but on Monday he was released on bond. Preliminary hearing has not been set, pending the result of the wounds.

A Determined Suicide

A man in whose clothes several letters and papers were found bearing the name of Homer Crites, hurled himself in front of an Iron Mountain train near Randles station last Wednesday morning at 7:22 o'clock and was killed instantly, says the Cape Republican.

The man had not been seen before at Randles by anyone who viewed the body, but it is believed his name is Crites, as a card in his pocket-book asked that Pearl Crites of Genoa, Ark., be communicated with in case that he met with an accident of any kind.

Coroner E. R. Schoen of Gordonville held an inquest over the body Wednesday, and the jury returned a verdict that the man, supposed to be Homer Crites, had taken his own life by hurling himself in front of a railroad train.

The coroner's jury returned the verdict after the engineer and other train men had given testimony. The engineer testified that the man was sitting on the railroad tracks and when the train got within 30 or 40 car lengths of him he arose and walked to the side of the track. He stood there until the train got nearly even with him and then dived directly in front of the train.

The engine and several cars passed over the man's body, mangleing it badly. The train was stopped as soon as possible and the train crew removed the body from the tracks and notified county authorities.

The man appeared to be about 35 years of age, was well dressed and was believed to have been sober.

A telegram was sent to Pearl Crites at Genoa, Ark., immediately after the coroner's inquest was held but at a late hour Wednesday afternoon no response had been received. A doctor near Randles heard that the man had a brother living at Lutesville and he will be communicated with if no response is received from the message sent to Arkansas.

A Punch in the Face

The editors of the Torchlight who, through our columns from week to week have advocated "Home Buying and urged our readers to patronize home merchants, got an awful slap square in the face the past month, when the members of the senior class sent to an eastern firm and purchased their commencement cards without giving either of the papers in Shelby a chance to even show samples. Most of these young people are sons and daughters of our business men. Our columns are open always for the boosting of home buying and our schools. Seldom a week passes during a school term but what we give freely of our space for all school items, especially the Lyceum courses where they try to make their money, space which means dollars and cents to us. We have always boosted Shelby schools and gladly do so, and now when we had a chance perhaps of a little profit on some high class work in comes a representative of the aforesaid "mail order house" and takes his "little" 50 per cent commission while the home editors toil on, and next time a school "do-in" comes along publish a "nice little article" and grin and bear it, just like all the other merchants who have to set back and see good old Shelby money sent to mail order houses.—Shelby Torchlight.

The Times received a similar "punch in the face."—Farmington Times.

It affords us much pleasure to testify to the fact that The Press was not treated that way.

Southeast Missouri

I know (and of course you know, too) a land

Where Nature's gifts are strewn with lavish hand.

A country that is full, as rich and grand As any ever formed of soil and sand— Southeast Missouri.

A land where sweet voiced wildbirds sing with glee

In every bramble, hedge row, bush and tree,

And where the flowers, beautiful and free,

Bloom in glad profusion for you and me— Southeast Missouri.

I know a land where men are strong and brave

And women lovely as God ever gave

To man that he might not become a knave—

And thus poor man, from man woman might save— Southeast Missouri.

I know a country where the farmers sow

Their grain in full faith for well they know

That seasons dependable come and go

And that bumper crops are sure to grow, Southeast Missouri.

I know a land with deposits of ore

Richer than any discovered before,

Where opportunity knocks at each door

And if not admitted will knock some more— Southeast Missouri.

I know a land where the cattle graze

On blue grass pastures all the year's days,

While wheat, corn and cotton and milo

Are sure and certain crop yield as always— Southeast Missouri.

I know a part of our imperial state

Whose many resources will aggregate

A number appalling—at any rate

This land of itself is imperially great— Southeast Missouri.

This beautiful, prosperous land I know

Is a land whereon all good products grow,

Where women are pretty and pure as snow;

And so if they knew, all men would go— Southeast Missouri.

Note—J. P. Campbell is editor of the Doniphan Prospect-News. He has a reputation in the state for writing several short poems of much beauty on local subjects of interest.

The poem printed herewith was written for the Southeast Missouri Press association meeting at De Soto April 28, and was read by Mr. Campbell there.—Cape Girardeau Republican.

To the Voters of Bollinger County

Marble Hill, Mo., May 30, 1916.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:

I am a candidate for re-nomination to the office of County Treasurer. I have served the people of this county one term and hope to have the party custom of another term. I have gone out in this county and made the race for minor offices, those that have paid very small salaries, and have fought hard for success.

I believe I am better prepared to render party service this time than ever before. No doubt we will have a hard campaign, national, state and county. If you think I will add any strength to the ticket, I ask your support.

In the general election in this county four years ago I received 79 more votes than President Wilson and 55 more than Walter Hensley.

I feel that with a forty-thousand-dollar bond hanging over me and no deputy, I will not be able to make an active campaign before the primary, at least to cover the county; therefore I take this means of soliciting your support.

If nominated and re-elected I shall, at the close of my term, step down and out and help my friends who have stood by me so faithfully. Thanking you for past favors, I am, Very truly yours,

T. A. CALDWELL.

Good Roads Convention

The largest and most enthusiastic meeting that has been held at Marble Hill for several years was the

Good Roads convention at the courthouse last Saturday. It was in the nature of a delegate convention, each precinct being allowed ten delegates, and every part of the county was represented. It was remarked by several that it was the most representative body of men ever assembled in the courthouse.

The object of the meeting was to talk over the proposition of bonding the county for road purposes, to get the sentiment of the people in all parts of the county, and to decide on a plan of apportioning the money if a bond issue should be decided upon and other matters in connection with the proposition.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 and Judge John Owens elected chairman. G. B. Snider was made secretary. Mr. Snider stated for the highway board that the board had been requested by several to obtain the sentiment of the people of the county on the bond proposition, and that letters of inquiry had been mailed to every part of the county and that most of the replies indicated that the people would support a bond issue provided a satisfactory plan could be agreed upon, and that the people could be satisfied that the proceeds would be used to good advantage and that the roads would actually be built. The board concluded that the best way to get the matter started was to call a good roads convention at the county seat where the matter could be taken up and ideas exchanged, so it issued a call for each precinct to elect ten delegates to a convention.

He stated that in the meantime petitions had been circulated asking that the proposition be submitted for a vote, and that about 500 taxpayers had signed the petitions which were in the hands of the board. These petitioners reside in every part of the county. He stated that they would not be presented to the court unless the convention concluded that it would be wise to do so. After some further discussion it was ordered that the delegates from each township and each precinct meet and discuss the matter among themselves, and report at one o'clock to the convention. It was also agreed that each precinct should select one man to be a member of a resolutions committee.

Soon after one o'clock the convention was called to order and the precincts made their reports. Some stated that their communities were opposed to a bond proposition. Others claimed that theirs were about equally divided, and others stated that their people largely favored a bond issue. But all agreed that the people were not informed as to the law regulating the matter, the manner in which the money would be expended, the general plan of locating and working the roads, and other details entering into the situation. Everybody agreed that if these things were made clear to the voters and they could be convinced that the county would get a dollar's worth of good road for every dollar expended that the proposition would carry. It was the opinion of all that if a bond issue should be agreed upon that a campaign of education should be made to the end that every man might be able to cast an intelligent vote on the proposition. After this report Judge Bode, of the State Highway department, and Mr. Ing, the chairman of the Good Roads society of Wayne county, addressed the meeting. The State Highway commissioner himself had agreed to be present but could not do so, so he sent Judge Bode who made quite an interesting talk. But the main talk was made by Mr. Ing. He is a forceful and clear speaker, and because of the fact that his county had just completed a roads campaign in which

the bond issue was carried by a vote of 5 to 1, he was in a position to enlighten the convention in the very matters in which they were interested. All agreed that if the matter could be put before our people the way it was in Wayne, or in a similar manner, that our people would support it.

The resolutions committee, composed of one man from each precinct, then retired to the county clerk's office and drew up resolutions which were unanimously adopted by that committee, as well as the convention. They will be formally published later, but the general plan agreed to was that a bond issue up to the constitutional limit should be asked for—our limit will be something like \$160,000—that the proceeds of the bond issue should be apportioned to each township according to its assessed valuation of real and personal property, that the proceeds of the railroad and telegraph valuation—which is more than \$300,000—be divided into eight equal parts and each township apportioned one part, that the county court be requested to dispense with the 25 cent road and bridge tax; and that a general roads committee be selected to consist of three men from each township which committee will work with the county court in all matters in managing the campaign, deciding what roads shall be worked first, supervising all work and doing all things necessary to the end that the people might get as good results as possible for the money expended. This committee is to be a permanent one, and will work without compensation. This committee will meet within a few days and make definite plan of a campaign.

Taken all in all, the meeting showed that our people are interested in good roads. That they have come to the conclusion that the only way to get them is to pay for them, every man paying his share in proportion to what he is worth. And it is evident that when the people are convinced that it is a movement in which all classes from all parts of the county are interested, and that we will get value received for what we spend, the issue will be carried.

It's now up to us to make the sort of a campaign that will enlighten the voters and convince them that Bollinger county can do things as well as other counties, and that every part of the county get what it is entitled to. Let's put aside the mistakes of the past, profit by them, and turn over a new leaf.

INTERESTERS.

Care of Cream

During the hot days of spring and summer the farmer who is selling cream to the creamery finds it a problem to keep his cream in the proper condition. However, there are but a few simple rules which should be followed, that would result in better cream. First of all these is cleanliness. Don't remember, carries bad flavors. If the barn or its surroundings and cows are dirty it will result in poor butter.

Immediately after separating, the cream should be cooled down to at least 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Warm cream should never be poured upon cold as the temperature of the lot is raised and bad flavors may result. It is essential that the cream be stirred frequently to insure uniform ripening. If the cream is left undisturbed, the fat rises the same way as it does in milk. As a result the cream is full of curd particles or it becomes "lumpy."

Never put cream in a battered or rusty can and always remember that milk and cream have that property of absorbing bad flavors.—W. B. Combs, Missouri College of Agriculture.

Southeast News.

Desloge is making a good, strong pull for water works and the Sun claims they are almost sure it is forthcoming.

Dunklin Democrat.

Marshal Chapman on last Saturday arrested Will Turner on a charge of violating the local option law. At his trial on Monday before Police Judge Fisher he plead guilty and was fined \$200. He is now working it out on the streets of the city.

Farmington Times.

Otto Forbes of Flat River hanged himself Saturday evening in a shed at the rear of his residence. Life was extinct when the body was found. The suicide was about 25 years old, worked about the mines, and leaves a wife and child about a year old. Forbes is said to have been drinking and it is the supposition that despondency was the cause of his rash act, from which his wife and baby of necessity are the real sufferers.

St. Genevieve Herald.

Frank Smith discovered the lair of a wolf on the farm of Clarence Govreau near River Aux Vasse and captured four of the little cubs. A fifth one made its escape. On Monday Mr. Smith brought them to town and they aroused considerable curiosity. He sold one of them to Ed Basler while here for \$3.00. We are told that in the southern part of our county wolves have destroyed many sheep for the farmers. We believe that wolves should be killed wherever and whenever possible so as to prevent the perpetuation of the species.

Illmo Jimplicite.

Wednesday night about 8 o'clock Officer Wilson saw a negro walking on bridge track No. 1 about 100 yards east of the depot. He was carrying a big sack full of stuff. The officer asked the negro what he had in the sack and he replied by dropping the sack and with an oath jumped on the officer and got him down and beat him up pretty badly before the officer could get the use of his gun. Wilson shot the negro three times, killing him. The sack the negro carried was part of the loot that was stolen from French's store at Farmfelt last week. The negro was heavy-set and had Wilson down

when he fired the first shot. The third shot went through the negro's heart and then he quieted down. French identified the goods the negro had in the sack as part of the goods stolen from his store.

Peggville Sun.

On last Saturday afternoon while W. H. McLain of near Silver Lake, Mo., was in town, he called in to see us. A few days ago he had been to his neighbor, Alex French, on a visit. While there Mr. French took him to an old apple tree—a monster of that variety of trees—and just to see how big the tree was, McLain took careful measurements of same. The measurement was taken five feet above the ground, and found it his great surprise that it measured 9 feet and 10 inches in circumference. Some of the limbs on the tree are fully two feet in diameter. That is some apple tree, isn't it? So far as we know, this is the biggest apple in Perry county, and perhaps the biggest in all southeast Missouri. The tree is supposed to be about 40 years old and its fruit has been eaten by parents, their children and grandchildren. What Mr. French regrets is that the old, faithful land-mark has brought forth its last delicious fruit and is dying.

Farmington Times.

What may result in a fatal stabbing occurred Saturday afternoon, about 5:30 o'clock, at Elvins, in which Jess Forsythe was the aggressor, stabbing a baker, late of St. Louis, who had but recently gone to work in the Elvins bakery. Forsythe stabbed the baker twice, once under the right shoulder blade, and again in the left side, which stab probably entered a lung. His recovery is doubtful, though he is getting along very well at this writing. Just what the trouble was about we have been unable to learn, but some kind of family trouble appears to be mixed up in the affair. The baker and his assailant were supposed to be good friends up to the time of the stabbing. The baker boarded but one or two doors removed from the Forsythe home, and it seems that when Forsythe returned home Saturday evening he found the baker there, when a quarrel is supposed to have resulted. Both were thought to have been drinking, in which case there is no need of searching further for a "reason."